



Attorney Docket No. 27528U

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MENGE, et al.

Serial No.: 10/587,836

Group Art Unit: 1624

Filed: August 16, 2006

Examiner: JAISLE, C.

For: **2-(PIPERIDIN-4-YL)-4,5-DIHYDRO-2H-PYRIDAZIN-3-ONE
DERIVATIVES AS PDE4 INHIBITORS**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated November 1, 2007. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on February 1, 2008. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-12 and 17-18 as outlined in Appendix A, attached herewith.

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendment, claims 1-13, 15 and 17-